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SUBJECT: FY 1975 COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM (CCP)

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1. STATE AND COMMERCE HAVE CONSIDERED ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR REARRANGING TRAVEL BY THEIR THREE TWO-MAN TEAMS TO THE SIX CCP COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA, AND UNFORTUNATELY HAVE FOUND NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE SCHEDULING WHICH CALLS FOR COHEN AND BREWER TO HOLD THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN CARACAS DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 3. WE REGRET CONFLICT WITH TRADE MISSION DURING FIRST TWO DAYS OF THAT WEEK, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT COHEN AND BREWER COULD NONETHELESS ACCOMPLISH USEFUL PRELIMINARY WORK DURING THOSE DAYS, AND COULD THEN COMPLETE THEIR MISSION DURING THE REMAINING THREE DAYS OF THE WEEK IF EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL ATTACHE AND OTHER COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL CAN DEVOTE MAXIMAL TIME TO CCP DISCUSSIONS DURING THOSE DAYS. IF IT SHOULD PROVE NECESSARY, COHEN AND BREWER COULD CONTINUE THOSE DISCUSSIONS THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 8.

2. DRAFT CCP'S FOR ALL SIX ARA COUNTRIES ARE CURRENTLY BEING REVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECENT STATE-COMMERCE AGREEMENT ON WAYS AND MEANS TO SHORTEN AND STRENGTHEN THE DRAFTS. SCHEDULE CALLS FOR COMPLETION OF REVISION OF
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VENEZUELA DRAFT BY MAY 30, AND FOR COPIES OF DRAFT TO BE
HAND-CARRIED TO EMBASSY BY MEMBER OF THE TRADE MISSION
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